

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the official action dated May 16, 2007. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the official action, pending claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Beadle et al. (US Pat. No. 6,530,075) in view of Cierniak (US Pub. No. 2004/0168028). The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

With respect to all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, Cierniak is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) because Cierniak is 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) prior art and because, at the time the claimed invention was made, Cierniak and the claimed invention were subject to assignment to or owned by Intel Corporation. Cierniak was assigned to Intel Corporation on February 25, 2003 as recorded at reel 013833, frame 0981. Withdrawal of all obviousness rejections based on Cierniak is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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